

Remarks

Claims 10 and 20 are amended herein. Claims 4-8, 10, 14-18, 20 and 23-26 remain pending in the Application.

Rejection under 103(a)

Claims 4-8, 10, 14-18, 20 and 23-26

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 4-8, 10, 14-18, 20 and 23-26 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weber et al. (6343212) in view of Kamel et al. (6496531). Applicant has reviewed the cited references and respectfully submits that the present invention is not rendered obvious over Weber et al. in view of Kamel et al. for the following rationale.

Applicant respectfully states that currently amended Claims 10 and 20 include the features of a “mobile RF transmitter that can be unobtrusively mounted in a setting” for “transmitting a directional RF signal.” Support for the Claimed features can be found throughout the Specification including paragraph [0017] and Figure 1.

As the Examiner has stated, Weber et al. is silent to mention the feature of a directional RF signal. However, Applicant respectfully disagrees that Kamel et al. overcome the shortcomings of Weber et al. Applicant understands Kamel et al. to teach a method for controlling forward transmit power originating from a base station. Applicant does not understand Kamel et al. to teach or render obvious a small, lightweight, compact and integrated mobile unit RF transmitter for transmitting the RF signal.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully states that the features of a “mobile RF transmitter that can be unobtrusively mounted in a setting” for “transmitting a directional RF signal,” are not taught nor rendered obvious over Weber et al., either alone or in conjunction with Kamel et al.

In addition, Applicant respectfully states that currently amended Claims 10 and 20 include the feature "said mobile RF transmitter having no RF receiver functionality." Support for the Claimed feature can be found throughout the Specification including paragraph [0017] and Figure 1. That is, the RF transmitter of the present invention only provides the signal, e.g., transmits, it does not perform any other base-station functionality, e.g., receiving, as taught by Weber et al. Therefore, the RF transmitter of the present invention is capable of being formed in a small, lightweight, compact and integrated mobile unit which may be placed in a plurality of scenarios and which outputs the appropriate commands, it does not otherwise interact with the mobile device, e.g., perform any base station operations, e.g., reception, strength of signal, or other interaction, it is a transmitter.

Applicant understands Weber et al. to teach the utilization of a standard cell base station as the means for delivering the omni-directional RF signal. Furthermore, Applicant understands Weber et al. to teach the control signal being generated to be a portion of the operation of the base station, not the only job of the base station. That is, Applicant understands Weber et al. to teach the utilization of a base station which has both transmit and receive capabilities with respect to the mobile device. Therefore, there is no motivation by Weber et al. to utilize a transmit only apparatus when the design of Weber et al. is based on the utilization of an already existing infrastructure of transmit and receiver type stations.

Moreover, Applicant respectfully states that Kamel et al. does not overcome the shortcomings of Weber et al. with respect to the transmit only feature. Specifically, Applicant understands Kamel et al. to teach a method for controlling forward transmit power in a wireless system utilizing a base station having both receiving and transmitting capabilities similar to the base stations of Weber et al. Therefore, Applicant does not find motivation, teaching or the

rendering obvious the feature of a “mobile RF transmitter having no RF receiver functionality” as claimed in Claims 10 and 20 and described in detail in the Specification and Figures.

Additionally, Applicant does not understand Kamel et al. to teach or render obvious a method of utilizing RF signals to automatically modify mode settings of a cell phone (directional or otherwise). Instead, Applicant understands Kamel et al. to teach the method for a base station hand-off as the mobile station moves from one base station section to another. That is, Applicant does not understand the teachings of Kamel et al. to suggest any type of audible alarm modification to the cell phone. Therefore, Applicant respectfully states that there is no motivation for utilizing Kamel et al. in conjunction with Weber et al. to teach any cell phone modifier capability since Applicant does not understand Kamel et al. to teach, suggest or even mention modifying any cell phone audible settings whatsoever.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Weber et al. alone or in conjunction with Kamel et al. does not teach nor render obvious the present claimed invention as recited in currently amended Independent Claims 10 and 20, and as such, Claims 10 and 20 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully submits that Weber et al. alone or in conjunction with Kamel et al. does not teach nor render obvious the present claimed invention as recited in Claims 4-8 and 23-24 which are dependent on an allowable Independent Claim 10 and Claims 14-18 and 25-26 which are dependent on an allowable Independent Claim 20 and that Claims 4-8, 14-18 and 23-26 recite further features of the present claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully states that Claims 4-8, 14-18 and 23-26 are allowable as pending from an allowable base Claim.

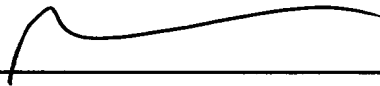
Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 4-8, 10, 14-18, 20 and 23-26.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,
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